

Xoxoday Empuls vs. Fringe

Fringe is built around a lifestyle benefits marketplace. Empuls delivers lifestyle benefits inside one platform that also runs rewards, recognition, incentives and surveys on a catalog Xoxoday owns.

About Empuls — Empuls is Xoxoday's AI-powered platform for rewards, recognition, benefits, surveys, gifting, sales incentives and social intranet. It is modular by design and built for desk, deskless and frontline teams across 150+ countries.

Why Companies Choose Xoxoday

10 enterprise-grade differentiators that set Empuls apart.

1

Lifestyle Benefits and LSAs, in One Platform

Fitness, wellness, travel, upskilling and family-care allowances sit beside rewards and recognition. One vendor, one integration.

2

Flexible and Tax Benefits

A multi-benefit prepaid card for tax-saving categories such as meals, fuel, books and telecom, plus device leasing and early salary access.

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Benefits Configured Your Way

Set eligibility and allowances by employee, grade or tenure, with self-service redemption.

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An Owned Rewards Catalog

10M+ rewards across 30+ categories and 150+ countries. Xoxoday owns its catalog, so there are no middlemen.

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Regional Depth

50+ languages, 50+ currencies, cost-of-living adjustments, local tax governance and local data residency.

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Recognition With Governance

Peer and manager awards, nomination programs, maker-checker approvals, budgets and fairness checks.

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Sales Incentives Built In

Commission plans, leaderboards and payouts without a separate tool.

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Surveys and AI

eNPS, pulse and lifecycle surveys with AI action plans, plus a recognition coach.

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Enterprise Security and Integrations

SOC 2 certified and GDPR compliant, with 60+ HRMS connectors and two-way Slack, Teams and Google Workspace integrations.

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Hands-On Services and Support

Dedicated onboarding, a named Customer Success Manager and 24/7 AI-assisted support.

How Empuls Addresses Feature Gaps with Fringe

Fringe gives employees a simple points-and-marketplace experience for lifestyle spend, wellness and recognition, and its site says most teams go live in under 2 weeks. Gaps appear as programs grow into multi-country governance, tax-aware benefits, owned-catalog economics, sales incentives and survey depth. One honest note on our side: the Empuls lifestyle-benefits module is newer

than its rewards and recognition core, so a team that only wants a standalone stipend marketplace may find a focused tool lighter to run. The tables below compare the two as of the publish date.

1. Lifestyle and Flexible Benefits

This matters because most teams want one allowance model, not a separate stipend tool running next to rewards.

Feature	Fringe	Xoxoday Empuls
Lifestyle spending	Points spent in a marketplace of 100+ services; no prepaid card or reimbursement	LSAs for fitness, wellness, travel, upskilling and family care, with self-service redemption
Tax-advantaged benefits	States that most lifestyle benefits are post-tax	Multi-benefit prepaid card for tax-saving categories such as meals, fuel, books and telecom
Eligibility rules	Configurable budgets, categories and policies	Rules by employee, grade or tenure, with payroll and HRIS integration
Financial wellbeing	Not publicly documented	Early salary access and device leasing
Perks and discounts	Not publicly documented	Perks and deals across 25+ categories

2. Recognition and Milestones

This matters because recognition drives repeat engagement with the benefits you fund.

Feature	Fringe	Xoxoday Empuls
Peer and manager recognition	Peer-to-peer giving; budgets by team, manager or occasion	Peer and manager awards, Wall of Fame, badges, approval flows and frequency caps
Milestones	Automated birthday and anniversary rewards	Birthdays, anniversaries and regional festivals, tenure tiers and yearbooks
Structured awards	Not publicly documented	Nomination programs with jury panels and branded award cycles
Challenges	Challenges and wellness incentives	Leaderboards, badges, streaks and contests across programs

3. Rewards Catalog and Redemption

This matters because rewards only work when people want what is on offer, in their own market.

Feature	Fringe	Xoxoday Empuls
Catalog	100+ services across wellness, food, travel, entertainment and swag	10M+ rewards in 30+ categories, owned by Xoxoday
Local relevance	Localized options in 50+ countries	150+ countries, local currency and cost-of-living-adjusted values
Swag	Swag management	Gifting and merchandise fulfillment
Charity	Employee donations	Charity donations and curated experiences

4. Governance and Budgets

This matters because multi-team, multi-country programs need control and audit trails.

Feature	Fringe	Xoxoday Empuls
Budgets	Monthly or quarterly budgets by team, manager or occasion	Budgets by country, department and manager, with utilization alerts and rollover controls
Approvals	Not publicly documented	Maker-checker and multi-tier approvals with audit trails

Feature	Fringe	Xoxoday Empuls
Fairness	Not publicly documented	Favoritism and quid-pro-quo pattern flags
Reporting	Admin dashboards and real-time reporting	Real-time dashboards, audit-ready logs and scheduled exports

5. Wellbeing, Surveys and Sales Incentives

This matters because engagement data and sales payouts should sit in the same system as rewards.

Feature	Fringe	Xoxoday Empuls
Wellness	Wellness incentives and offerings	Wellness marketplace, fitness integrations and group challenges
Surveys	Not publicly documented	eNPS, pulse and lifecycle surveys with AI action plans
Sales incentives	Not publicly documented	Quota tracking, simulation, leaderboards and automated payouts
Referrals	Recruiting incentives	Referral bonuses with payout on hire milestones

6. Global Scale and Enterprise Confidence

This matters because security reviews and HRIS integration decide enterprise rollouts.

Feature	Fringe	Xoxoday Empuls
Security and compliance	Not publicly documented	SOC 2 certified, GDPR compliant, annual VAPT
Integrations	Not publicly documented	60+ HRMS connectors, Slack, Teams and Google Workspace
Languages and currency	Global currency and localization	50+ languages and 50+ currencies
Deployment	Not publicly documented	SaaS, API, embedded or white-label, with regional data residency

7. AI

This matters because AI is only useful when it connects to the work employees and admins do daily.

Feature	Fringe	Xoxoday Empuls
AI insights	Not publicly documented	Attrition prediction, skill mapping and survey sentiment analysis, all live
AI for recognition and rewards	Not publicly documented	AI writing coach for awards, recognition suggestions and detection of favoritism and quid-pro-quo patterns
MCP capability	Not publicly documented	Empuls connects to AI tools and agents through MCP, so teams can run recognition, rewards and survey workflows from the AI assistants they already use

8. Setup and Support

This matters because time to launch shapes adoption.

Feature	Fringe	Xoxoday Empuls
Time to launch	States most teams go live in under 2 weeks	Guided onboarding with a dedicated project manager
Support	Not publicly documented	Named CSM, structured QBRs and 24/7 AI-assisted support

Beyond the Platform — What You Get When You Choose Empuls

Empuls is more than a benefits marketplace - it's the engagement infrastructure your people strategy runs on.

Choosing Empuls means one partner for lifestyle benefits, rewards, recognition, surveys and sales incentives, instead of a stipend tool plus a separate recognition and rewards stack.

Your team gets a named Customer Success Manager, structured onboarding and quarterly business reviews, backed by 24/7 AI-assisted support across time zones.

Your catalog is owned by Xoxoday, so reward value reaches employees without middlemen or per-redemption markups.

One platform for what employees spend, earn and feel.

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